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MEMORANDUM FOR: Registrar, OTR

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: Director of Training

SUBJECT

: Review of Language Development Program:

Language Training and Awards Record-keeping.

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- 1. The current revision of the lays emphasis on the "utility of the languages studied." The question was recently put to PPS: "How useful, really, is the language competence we have created and are maintaining?" For example, how many people have been provided training and attained a beginner's proficiency, and how many have received awards for achievement of elementary proficiency? And how many of these have gone on to improve their competence and have received awards for achievement and maintenance of intermediate proficiency, or higher?
- 2. It has been suggested to PPS that our Agency Training Records system should include records capable of producing the answers to such questions. Only then can we really judge whether our Program is achieving the restated objective of utility to the Agency.
- 3. It is, therefore, suggested that C/LAS, or his designee, consult with R/TR concerning the maintenance of appropriate language training and awards records to meet the purpose of program evaluation.

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